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Attn: Harry Stoller
Illinois Commerce Commission

**Re: Request for Public Comment Concerning the Implementation of Governor
Bagojevich's Proposal for a Sustainable Energy Plan for Illinois**

Hatch Energy Consulting is particularly interested in the Governor's Sustainable Energy Plan for Illinois and would like to express our support for this initiative. Hatch feels that there are substantial areas of opportunity within the State that have yet to be fully realized.

As a provider of energy efficiency services, we are in regular contact with large industrial and commercial facilities and have seen first hand the magnitude of issues facing companies today, particularly the increasing requirement to "do more with less". To add to this, rising energy prices coupled with limited support programs make it difficult for site personnel to address the problem. Through the proposed program, Illinois has the opportunity to improve the operational performance of State-based organizations and secure the future of its manufacturing base.

The proposal will support the DSM initiatives within the State and the funding being directed to the DCEO is an important link to driving the adoption of support services by the host sites. Successful implementation of this Program will improve the environment while ultimately reduce energy prices, however, it is important that the proposal is not watered down, resulting in a sub-optimal result.

We look forward to the adoption of this program and working with the State in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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